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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA DOES NOT BACK OAS RESOLUTION, WILL
RECONSIDER STATEMENTS REGARDING USE OF WALL TO ENSURE U.S.
BORDER SECURITY

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Classified By: Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli. Reasons 1.4 (B,D).

(C) On October 25, DCM delivered reftel points to acting Foreign Minister Javier Williams Slate. Due to Williams Slate's absence from Managua, Post was unable to deliver the demarche before today. While acknowledging that the Nicaraguan government did not lend itself to supporting a resolution against the United States, DCM impressed upon Williams Slate that Nicaraguan Ambassador to the OAS Velasquez's comments comparing the U.S. border project to the Berlin Wall were unconstructive. The DCM noted that in addition to improving its border security, the United States is in the process of reforming its immigration policy to make it clearer and fairer. Williams Slate will discuss our concerns with Velasquez and the Foreign Minister.
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